IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

WEDNESDAY, THE 17TH OCTOBER 2007 / 25TH ASWINA 1929

Crl.MC.No. 3194 of 2007()

CC.876/2002 of JUDL.MAGISTRATE OF FIRST CLASS COURT, THIRUVALLA

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PETITIONER: ACCUSED:

T.V.MOHANAN PILLAI, AGED 48,
S/O.VASUDEVAN PILLAI, THUNDIYIL HOUSE, KOIPURAM
MURI, KOIPURAM VILLAGE, CHENGANNUR (VIA),
NOW RESIDING AT M.S.R.INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, 9TH MAIN,
MALHIKESA, BANGALORE - 54.

BY ADV. SRI.SAIGI JACOB PALATTY

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT & STATE:

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1. **P.N.RATHNAMMA, SOORAG BHAVAN,**
   MANNADI MURIYIL, KUTTAPUZHA VILLAGE.

2. **THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY**
   THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
   ERNAKULAM, KOCHI-31.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI. JIKKU JACOB

THIS CRIMINAL MISC. CASE HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 17/10/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

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R.BASANT, J

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Dated this the 17th day of October, 2007

ORDER

Petitioner faces indictment in a prosecution for the offence punishable, under Section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act. Cognizance has been taken. The petitioner has not entered appearance before the learned Magistrate. The learned Magistrate has issued coercive processes against the petitioner. The petitioner finds such processes chasing him.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is absolutely innocent. The absence of the petitioner earlier was not wilful. The petitioner is willing to surrender before the learned Magistrate and seek regular bail, but he apprehends that his application for bail may not be considered by the learned Magistrate on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. He therefore prays that appropriate directions under Section 482 Cr.P.C may be issued in favour of the petitioner.

3. It is for the petitioner to appear before the learned Magistrate and explain to the learned Magistrate the circumstances under which he could not earlier appear before the learned Magistrate. I have no reason to assume that the learned Magistrate would not

consider such application on merits, in accordance with law and expeditiously. Every court must do the same. No special or specific direction appears to be necessary. Sufficient general directions have already been issued in **Alice George v. The Deputy Superintendent of Police [**2003(1) KLT 339].

4. This application is, in these circumstances, dismissed, but with the specific observation that if the petitioner appears before the learned Magistrate and applies for bail after giving sufficient prior notice to the Prosecutor in charge of the case, the learned Magistrate must proceed to pass appropriate orders on merits and expeditiously - on the date of surrender itself, unless there are compelling reasons.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

sj

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P.A.TO JUDGE